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President's Message



With the return of spring and warmer weather, it is wonderful to see the cycle of nature starting over again. The birds and wildlife are reappearing. The trees, shrubbery, and

flowers are starting to show signs of promise to soon burst to life again for us to enjoy.

uncertainty that we have undergone over the past couple of months.

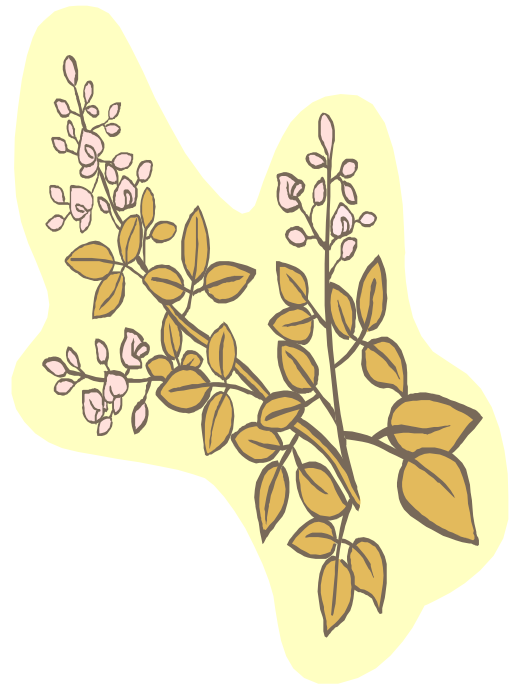


I would also like to thank our members who have all adapted so well to the temporary changes of our meeting location and

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Bulletin Board

Obituary

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to Janet Baillie on the passing of her husband, Jack Baillie on March 15th, 2005. Jack and his wife Janet were both members of our Northshore Probus club.

Wedding Anniversary Milestone

We would like to extend our very best wishes to Donna and Stewart Sprague who recently celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. We wish Donna & Stew many more years of happiness together

Change of Location for May 4th Meeting

Please note that our meeting that was to be held at the Best Western Hotel will now be held at the Lions Centre.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following new members of our Northshore Probus Club:
John & Donna Ryckman
Brenda Larsen

Probus Clothing

We have added a new item to the Probus clothing line. The complete line will be available for viewing and ordering at the May 4th and 18th meetings.

Summer Barbecue

Mark your calendars to book a great day of fun and Probus fellowship:

Games – Prizes – Live Entertainment – Food - all included.

Date: Thursday August 11th, 2005

Location: Roseneath Fair Grounds

Time: 2 PM to 6:00 PM

Cost: Club Members: -----\$15.00
Non-Members – (Including non-member spouses:)-----\$17.50

Carousel: Famous Roseneath Carousel will also be open.

Northshore Probus Club Elections

There are just 6 General Meetings left until it will be time once again to elect our new executive.

Our Vice-President, Doug Palmer assisted by our Treasurer, Bruce Collins will be leading us through the election process. Elections will take place, in accordance with our club bylaws, at our Annual General Meeting on September 7th. You will be hearing more about this in our upcoming meetings. In the meantime, please start thinking about your choices and who you would like to nominate to be the new executive members of our club for the next year.

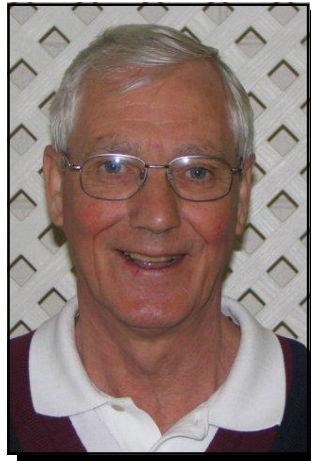
What happens is not as important as how you react to what happens.

— Thaddeus Golas

Old But Progressive

Being a twin almost invites comparison, a search for that something unique amid the obvious sameness. Yet in the twining of Cobourg Ontario with its namesake in Germany it is the differences that stand out at first. Even the spelling of the town's names is different. Bob Reid related how the original villages, Hamilton and Amherst, had grown together and decision was made to amalgamate. The royal princess, Charlotte, had just wed the German prince Leopold, and thus, the forefathers decided to commemorate the event by naming the new town after his county seat, Coburg, but forgot to check the spelling.

Bob, a local resident, had become familiar with the other Coburg through his involvement with the La-Jeunesse Choir and the Northumberland Orchestra and their trip to Germany. He showed slides of 900 year old town, its architectural authenticity preserved, having survived the ravages of WW11 largely unscarred. Given its age the town has its palaces and Great Houses, remnants of its once patrician past, now preserved, its gardens tended as public spaces. Even its new buildings have attempted to maintain the town's historical facades while updating the interiors to modern standards. The town has a walking precinct where no automobile traffic is permitted. It supports an active artist community having both an orchestra, a theatre and staging a



number of music festivals each year.

The aristocratic family Saxe-Coburg exercised some influence on the course of history. One of its dukes granted his protection to Martin Luther saving him from the Diet of Augsburg. While not of the royal line, its scions did marry into royal families both in Britain and Russia. In fact its ancestral home was the favourite residence of Queen Victoria during the lifetime of her husband, Albert, one of these well-wed heirs.

The purpose of the twining is "to exchange ideas and share traditions". In furtherance of this goal, thirty visitors will be coming here this summer. Next year a group from here will return to help celebrate its 900th anniversary of the other town. Yet in the end both towns will discover no greater virtue than what each already practices: one can hardly move forward without a great respect for one's past

Submitted by Julius Varga

What's going on in the inside shows on the outside.

— Earl Nightingale

Finding the Path Through the Minefield

Peter Delanty, mayor of Cobourg, and since December 15, 2004 also Warden of Northumberland County describes his new role as "filled with land mines". Not that maintaining a "thriving community and insuring a quality lifestyle" has ever been all that easy yet now with provincial downloading of new responsibilities has meant that the level of government "where the buck stops" is hard pressed to find the financial resources to do the task.

Yet Northumberland County is hardly without prospects. "The pressure for growth in the western end of the county has become intense." Peter has received calls from three large developers outlining plans for new home construction, one development promising new construction of 500 homes. Equally there is the potential for commercial expansion with Home Depot and even the hint of a new industry. But with the growth there will also be demands for increased level of services.

But the future is hardly his concern; the present offers sufficient enough challenge. The county has taken over 350 km. of roads; however it is the bridges that present the greatest problem. Having been built in the 1950's and 60's, most are ready for major repairs or outright replacement, the immediate costs for just two stands at \$6.4 million. Area dump sites are also showing their age, one is filled and now beginning to leak requiring the county to buy neighbouring properties



to act as buffers while the other has merely 14 years of capacity remaining, hardly an eternity.

Then there are the newly assumed services. There "400 homeless families" in the county and others that require some form of social assistance. Area industries provide food for breakfasts for "1300 children". The county finances in part Transition House, a shelter for battered wives and Alpha House, a shelter for abandoned pregnant teens. Ambulance services have to be provided in accordance with provincially imposed standards, "A level of service that was never actually implemented by the province when it had responsibility for ambulance service", according to Peter.

"Downloading" is little more than "passing the buck" without sending along any dollars. It stands out as a shoddy attempt to limit political fallout for the decline in public services for even if control remains firmly centralized in one's own hands, blame can be decentralized to someone else. Perhaps governments of all levels and hues need to be reminded that ultimately there is but one taxpayer, us. Thus it behoves the level of government with access to the greater resources to provide the more expensive services. Then indeed the doer will truly have to abide his deeds and thus a practice essential to maintaining a good democracy will be preserved. Submitted by Julius Varga

A hero is one who hangs on one minute longer.

Bulletin Board cont'd

SUMMER GOLF INFORMATION

Golf with the Port Hope Probus Club at Ashbrooke is 'sold out'. I will advise the people who signed up how we will confirm the numbers of Golfers each month with the Port Hope Club.

Monday Morning Golf at the Creek

Starting time between 6:30 & 8:00 am
9 Hole Green Fees--\$17.00
Signup sheets on the 'Coming Events Table'.

OSHAWA PROBUS CLUB GOLF DAY
Tues. May 31st

18 holes starting at 1:00 pm.
\$50.00/person includes hot & cold Buffet
\$15.00 per person for carts.
Signup deadline is May 15th
Signup Sheets on the 'Coming Events Table'

Bruce Collins

UP COMING TRIPS & TOURS

These are sold out--(notify June if interested in being placed on the Waiting list as last minute cancellations may occur)

Andre Rieu, Stirling Theatre- Singing in the Rain, Seniors Jubilee.

Thur. July 21st- West Bend (Campbellford)
\$25:00

'Bringing Him Home---Broadway Homecoming'

Car Pooling, Basket Picnic Lunches available.

In the Planning Stages

Day trip to Picton

Trip to Stratford or Shaw Festivals

June Haynes

IMPROVED WEB SITE FOR NORTHUMBERLAND AREA PROBUS CLUBS

Over the past few months we have found that with the improved graphics and photos in our club newsletter, the Probus Canada web site was not always able to accommodate the space needed to put our newsletter on-line. With the help of a few of our club newsletter editors, especially with the leadership of John Draper from the Cobourg Club, we now have a really useful and easy to navigate web site that was designed to accommodate the needs of any of the 6 Probus clubs in the Northumberland area that wish to participate.

You can access this web site in two ways. First, you can enter directly by going to www.probusnorthumberland.com or if you go to the www.probus.org web site, go to the North Shore - Cobourg club, under the President's photo there is a button to access our newsletter and directly under that there is a link: "[Click to visit our own Web Site](#)" that will link you directly back to this new site of ours.

There are many interesting buttons and links you can click on to see what's going on within our clubs and surrounding area. Take a minute and have a look and enjoy it. Only one caution, however, if you are on the slow speed dial up internet, (like we are), it could take several minutes for our newsletter to download. Enjoy!

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.

— Albert Camus

Up-Coming Tours



<u>Saturday, March 26 /Thursday, Mar 31</u>	Brighton Beach Memoirs	\$20 .00
<u>Friday, April 22</u>	Dinner theatre: "The Underpants" (see below)	\$30 .00
<u>Wednesday, April 27</u>	"Stardust Follies"	\$80 .00
<u>Friday, June 10</u>	Stirling Theatre: "Singing in the Rain"	\$60 .00

Please remember to bring your calendar & cheque book with you to be sure your 'space' is reserved.

In the Planning Stage

July (date to be arranged) Prince Edward County Tour

We would like ideas of trips you would be interested in having us plan.

June Haynes

Coordinator: Trips, Tours and Theatre

The Underpants

Produced by the Northumberland Players in Dinner Theatre format at the newly renovated Co-bourg Best Western Motor Inn and Conference Centre on **Friday, April 22nd**.

Steve Martin's adaptation of Carl Stenhein's 1912 comedy is a sexy, farcical, social commentary. Confused? What else do you expect from a "wild and crazy guy"? The hilarity and scandal erupts when Louise's underpants fall to the ground at a parade for the king. This play is for an audience that wants to think between the bawdiness and absurdity.

Tickets: \$30.00 (includes dinner, play, taxes and service)

Speaker's Corner

<u>April 6th</u>	Peter Delanty, Warden Northumberland County
<u>April 20</u>	Visit to the RCAF Memorial Museum, Trenton
<u>May 18</u>	Sheila Burns: "Donkey Tales"
<u>June 15</u>	Pat Skene, author of Children's Books



What worries you, masters you.

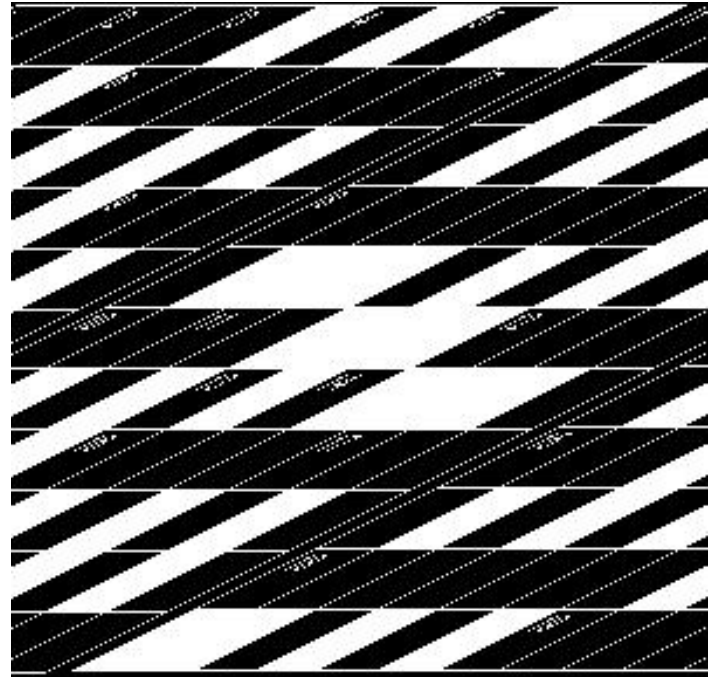
—Haddon W. Robinson

Across

- 1. Prices paid (5)
- 6. Teashop (7)
- 8. Shining (7)
- 9. Speck (3)
- 10. Sudden blast of wind (4)
- 12. Roused (4)
- 15. Lever for rowing (3)
- 16. Pertaining to an orbit (7)
- 18. Bondage (7)
- 19. To use up (5)

Down

- 1. Brave (10)
- 2. Potato (4)
- 3. Meat (5)
- 4. Planet (5)
- 5. Black magic (6)
- 7. One's native land (10)
- 11. Story in instalments (6)
- 13. Not drunk (5)
- 14. Follows orders (5)
- 17. Ripped (4)



The solution will appear next month.
The solution to last month's puzzle appears below

The March Solution

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Can you identify where this shot was taken ?



Answer next month

Last Month's Picture

*Swallowtail Lighthouse,
Grand Manan Island NB identified by Ruth Clayson*



Please submit contributions for the next newsletter by May 13
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Today, see if you can stretch your heart and expand your love so that it touches not only those to whom you can give it easily, but also those who need it so much. — Daphine Rose

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Probus Trivia

- Probus Clubs in Canada have been around for the past 18 years.
- There are now 165 Active Probus Clubs in Canada.
- In Canada, there are now 21,500 Probus members.
- Probus Clubs were started in Canada under the auspices of Rotary.
- They continue to sponsor new Probus Clubs.
- This year Rotary celebrates it's 100th anniversary.

A Final Thought

Here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods:

On a hairdryer : Do not use while sleeping.
(Gee, that's the only time I have to work on my hair!)

On a bag of sweets:
You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.
(The shoplifter special!)

On a bar of Soap:
Directions: Use like regular soap.
(And that would be how?)

On some frozen dinners: Serving suggestion: Defrost.
(But it's *just* a suggestion!)

On a dessert: Do not turn upside down.
printed on bottom of the box (Too late! You lose!)

On a Pudding packet:
Product will be hot after heating. (Are you sure? Let's experiment.)

On packaging for an iron:Do not iron clothes on body.
(But wouldn't that save more time?)
(Whose body?)

On Children's cough medicine: Do not drive car or operate machinery.
(We could do a lot to reduce the rate of construction accidents if we just kept those 5 year olds off those fork lifts.)

On a sleep medicine:
Warning: may cause drowsiness. (One would hope!)

There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread.

— Mother Teresa